

**We warehouse food products and ship LTL loads to various national distribution centers. Many of our customers are requesting that we fill out affidavits stating that we are in compliance with the organic standard. This is because they are either already or starting to ship us "organic" product. What are the specific pest control procedures, devices, insecticides, rodenticides, etc., that can be used in our facility? We never deal with open packages. We follow the American Institute of Baking standard for food safety. What are the specifics of pest control in compliance with the "organic standard?" Should we pursue some kind of "certification" so that we are registered on a national list, or have a certificate we can send to our customers?**

You may not have to obtain certification as a warehouse or distributor, but you must guard against commingling and contact with prohibited substances. For specifics, see § 205.272 of the NOP regulations that deal with packaging, storage bins, and containers, and the potential compromise of organic integrity.

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